

MINUTES
PEBBLECREEK PICKLEBALL CLUB
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021
3:00 PM MILAN ROOM

Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order by Nancy Popenhagen at 3:00 PM. Present were all board members: Nancy Popenhagen, President, Jeff Antrican, Vice President, Sharon Hadley, Treasurer, Tony Wells, Officer at Large and, via ZOOM, Kathryn Villeneuve, Secretary. Additionally, 9 Pickleball Members were present.

1. Member Participation

Nancy invited any attending members to address the board prior to the formal start of the monthly board meeting. As a reminder of this addition to the monthly board meeting agenda, this is a time for the Board to listen and may or may not respond to member ideas and suggestions. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order minutes are a record of decisions made by the body. They are to include "what is done, and not "what is said". A note of suggestions may be included after adjournment of the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was made available to attendees.

The agenda was unanimously approved via a motion from Jeff Antrican and a second from Sharon Hadley with the following changes:

Under New Business: the addition of Fall Social and Contract for February Sanctioned Tournament

3. Approval of the May Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved via a motion from Sharon Hadley and a second from Jeff Antrican

4. Unfinished Business:

Fencing: Jeff Antrican reviewed the current plan:

The work began on courts 9-12 on July 7th. The fencing was removed and new concrete was poured for the additional gates. After the fence was removed the contractor advised the Club that the new fencing material was delayed. Jeff was assured that the material would arrive in

time to support the original anticipated schedule. Concurrent with the new fencing and gates on courts 9-12 bird proofing material will be added to the tops of the light posts. Unfortunately, due to the height of the lights on courts 1-8 bird proofing is not an option.

The concrete pads necessary to support the new gates have been installed, however, the original quote was only for 3 cement pads instead of 4 in that area. While the 4th pad was installed, the work was not done satisfactorily and created a trip hazard. This pad was not part of the original quote, so will be reworked at a minor expense to the club.

A question was asked around project management responsibilities for this project. It was stated that the HOA is responsible, however, the contractors have reached out to Jeff and his team. Jeff and his team are commended for helping ensure this renovation continues to meet the schedule.

New Courts: As a reminder, there are 3 sets of plans that must be approved by the City of Goodyear: the site plans, civil plans and the building plans. The site plans have been returned to RCI from the City of Goodyear. It is estimated that the site plans will be re-submitted to the City of Goodyear in the next week or two.

The next step will be the civil and building plans, which RCI is hopeful can be submitted simultaneously. Currently TBD

RCI confirmed the construction department will bid the lights in accordance with the specs provided by the Club.

A concern of note and a 'watch item': the known labor and material shortages prevalent in the construction field.

Two questions from attending members were fielded:

Will the Club and its members have access to the original plan? No, this is an RCI project and they are not releasing this information.

Is there a timeline to break ground? No, not at this time.

Tournament Pilot Review: Alex Potapoff provided an overview:

The tournament structurally went well. There are a few lessons learned that can be incorporated into future tournaments. The tournaments should be expected to last 3 to 3.5 hours (originally estimated at 2.5 to 3 hours). The summer time period is too hot to conduct tournaments – even at night.

Alex thanked Renee DeLassus and all others that supported the pilot.

5. New Business

Fall Kickoff Social: Tony stated that the social will occur on October 17. It will be held on the Eagles Nest patio. The band has been booked and the details on the final food options are being worked through.

Contract for February Sanctioned Tournament: The contract for referees (Bill McManus) and finalization of dates has been reviewed by all board members. The dates for the tournament are: February 9-12, 2022. The contract is very similar to past contracts for this tournament.

Jeff Antrican moved to approve the contract for the sanctioned tournament referees and schedule. Tony Wells seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved and carries.

6. Committee Reports

CAC – Theresa Carter: No report this month

Ratings – John Pihl: Tony provided a reminder that the newly established system for 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 4.5 are posted on the website. There is now a club rating sheet which will be used to provide individuals specific feedback. A thank you to: Alex Potapoff, Renee Delassus, Andrea Dilger and Tony Wells who comprise the team responsible for this.

Maintenance- Jeff Antrican: In an effort to help the ice machine situation, a new exhaust fan is being installed.

The WiFi has been notoriously spotty. As a result of numerous work orders, the HOA representative looked into the reason that WiFi is not consistent. It was discovered that the router is linked to one of the timer switches. Hence, the WiFi was only working when the switch was on. Players wanting WiFi can push the timer button, in the short term, as John Brumback helps work through a better solution.

Broken Balls: The activity to be known as “Bucket of Balls” and led by Bill Cagle, is yielding a positive outcome. 40% of the balls discarded are actually still playable. The activity is fully covered in the July Newsletter.

Furniture – Joanne Burch: Jeff Antrican advised that **a volunteer(s) is still needed for August.**

Safety – Pat Chernow: Several board members talked about the importance of safety. A fall was recorded as the result of an individual going backwards in an unsafe manner. An accident report form was filled out. The individual is a non-member. It is important that we all make certain anyone we are playing with knows the safe methods for moving back to return a ball.

Also, a reminder that anyone can fill out the accident report and it is important to do so.

A member brought up a situation on a few of the courts where bolts protrude enough to trip or stub toes on. Jeff is investigating if they can be cut off, or at the least have safety caps applied.

Technology – Jeff Antrican: Jeff advised that while traffic on the site was down from last month, there were still 643 unique visitors and time spent on the site by visitors remains solid.

The ability to renew/sign up is now completely on line, and now available – we had our first new member follow this process on Tuesday.

Player development – Sharon Hadley: Sharon reminded that the focused skills and drills have paused until the fencing project is complete. She advised only the Novice and 2.0 with coaching remain in place. This is a result of these new players not having forum in which to play and likely having not yet established other players to play with.

Sharon also advised that a new volunteer is need to teach others how to use the ball machine. The volunteer will also need to perform some maintenance of the ball machine. This is a popular offering for our club. The last class had 12 participants. Please consider this volunteer opportunity.

A question was asked around the focused drills when they resume. It is requested that people sign up in pairs as partners. The question was ‘what if I don’t have a partner’ – Sharon advised they could be paired up with someone else in the same position. However, at least one player must be registered in order to participate, as numbers are limited. It is still encouraged to find a partner, since the abilities of Focused Skills are from mixed levels.-

Social – Tony Wells: The July 4th Social went very well. As a reminder, this social was a school supply donation event for Eliseo C Felix Elementary School; the school principal, Gina Schmitt, was on hand to address the ~180 Club members attending. The event yielded \$557 in cash donations and 2 SUVs and a pick up full of supplies.

Our next social will be the Fall Kick Off dance on October 17.

Fundraising – Tony Wells: Tony shared that Coaching for Courts brought in \$810 for the month. In looking forward to new opportunities, he is exploring doing tournaments a couple of times a month in the evenings patterned off the recent pilot tournament. Players would pay an entry fee which would go toward the new courts. More to come on this.

Lynn Manns is ‘hosting’ 2 dances – the first one is August 28th and the second will be November 14th.

By-laws- Nancy Popenhagen: This committee has met 3 times and continue very focused work. The meeting will continue virtually. Nancy advised that the chairman is Michelle Conroy, team members are Bill Cetti and Cynthia Schwartz, Martha Urbin is a consultant and Nancy is the Board liaison. She further reiterated that the by-laws belong to the membership and the committee is preparing them for membership review and eventual vote.

Welcome Committee – Kathryn Villeneuve: No Report

HOA meeting: The meeting has not yet occurred this month. Tony Wells will represent the board this month at the virtual meeting.

6. Board Reports:

Officer at Large – Tony Wells: Tony advised that we are aware of the fact that the Final 4 Mixed Doubles and the Annual Members meeting are both scheduled for November 10. The tournament will be over well ahead of the 6:00 PM start time for the meeting.

Treasurer – Sharon Hadley: Sharon reviewed the Treasurer report posted on the website.

Operating Fund balance \$131,278.02 New Courts Fund Balance: \$295,899.56

New Courts fund increased by \$2,964.40 to as a result of the \$810 from Coaching for Courts, 2 lifetime memberships, a brick sale, a cash donations of \$160 and moving \$622 from 2019 into the fund.

The Club received a refund from Go Daddy when we moved the web platform from them as a host.

Our membership stands at: 1,317 This is comprised of 603 Lifetime Members, 512 Renewal and 202 New members

Judy Layton has been added to the Finance Committee joining Sharon and Gordon Cooper.

A question from a member was asked about revenues exceeding expenditures. Sharon advised this has traditionally been the case for 5+ years. Operating expenses are projected to be \$22,000 this year.

A question was asked about how much the balls cost each year. They are approximately \$7,000 of the expenses.

Secretary – Kathryn Villeneuve: Kathryn advised that the July Newsletter was intentionally held back to ensure coverage of the July 4th Social and to be able to contain the Board Briefs from this meeting. Additionally, there was a request to add the November 10 Tournament Play and the Annual Member Meeting to the Upcoming section of the Newsletter.

Vice President – Jeff Antrican: Nothing beyond above report outs

President – Nancy Popenhagen: Nancy reminded everyone that there will NOT be an August Monthly Board Meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items: None requested/noted.

8. Other: There was a brief dialog on Club Tournament Play and if it is possible to ensure 2.5 players do not get combined with higher level players. Alex shared that for the Club Championships, 6 teams per level for men, women and mixed need to be signed up. If it is lower than 6, the teams will be included at a higher level. For the Final Four Tournament, 8 teams are required. An effort will always be made to seek the requisite number of teams to ensure players get to play at their level.

9. Meeting Adjourn: The Board meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM.